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EVENT: Conviction

Defendant: Lee Henry Berry

**BAY CITY MAN CONVICTED
ON FEDERAL NARCOTICS CHARGES**

A 61-year-old man who resided in Saginaw and Bay City was found guilty today by a federal jury in Bay City on charges of possession of crack cocaine and cocaine with the intent to distribute and possession of a firearm following a felony conviction, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced today.

Found guilty was Lee Henry Berry.

The jury deliberated for approximately two hours before returning the verdicts, concluding a seven-day trial before United States District Judge Thomas Ludington.

The evidence presented at trial showed that Berry was trafficking in crack cocaine and cocaine in the Saginaw and Bay City areas during 2002 through 2005 and that he was in possession of three handguns when a residence was raided in April of 2005. The indictment arose out of an investigation by law enforcement officers with the Bay City Police Department

VIPER Unit and the Bay Area Narcotics Enforcement Team.

Murphy commended the work of the agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration as well as state and local officers assigned to the Bay City Police Department VIPER Unit and the Bay Area Narcotics Enforcement Team (BAYANET).

Sentencing has been scheduled for December 20, 2007, at 2:30 P.M. Berry has at least nine prior state and federal felony convictions, three of which are for felony drug offenses. As a result of these prior convictions he is considered a Career Offender as well as an Armed Career Criminal under federal law and will be sentenced pursuant to the federal sentencing guidelines. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Hluchaniuk.